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2009 Fire Prevention Week



By Rhonda Griffin
Staff writer

Though we don't always see them, they are always there – prepared to give it their all in any situation that can occur.

The Pope Fire Department is manned 24-hours a day, with trained and certified firefighters who are ready to drop everything at the sound of a tone to help others. But their jobs entail more than just fighting fires.

"We mitigate all emergencies," said Joe Bruno, a civilian firefighter who has been named the AMC Civilian Firefighter of the Year. "Medical emergencies, hazmat (hazardous materials) calls and anything else out of the norm. It's many things besides fire."

Though the station is located on base, it has the same functions as any city fire department, and the members are required to attend the same training and hold the same certifications. The department also works closely with Fort Bragg, Spring Lake and other local fire departments, assisting with calls when needed.

The staff of about 80 percent military and 20 percent civilian firefighters rotate shifts of 24-hours on/24-hours off to put in a 72-hour work week. The members get a three-day break every two

weeks, and then it's right back to working another 24 hours. Because they spend so much of their time together at the station – often as much as they do their own homes – the members feel more like family than co-workers.

"Many of the things we do around here are based on tradition," said Deputy Fire Chief Master Sgt. Andre Sanders, 43rd Civil Engineering Squadron. "Sometimes we cook big meals and sit down together to eat."

Despite the tremendous amount of time the firefighters devote to the department and the Pope community, many use their time off work volunteering with neighboring departments and going out into the Fayetteville and Spring Lake communities to teach others about fire safety and prevention.

"Fire prevention is our most important function," Sergeant Sanders said.

"In fact, the best way to combat a fire is to prevent it from happening," said Tech. Sgt. Gilberto Medina, 43rd Civil Engineering Squadron and assistant chief of prevention.

Fire prevention is the key year-round, the members agreed, but they all team up during Fire Prevention Week each year to reach out to the community. Fire Prevention Week dates back to the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, when a

dry summer and a fire near the O'Leary barn led to the deaths of 250 residents, more than 17,000 buildings destroyed and more than 100,000 people homeless.

The staff is geared up for this year's Fire Prevention Week, which begins Sunday. During that time, the department members will host several events within the community to raise awareness, educate others on prevention and provide various tips on keeping our homes and property safe from the leading causes of fires. Many activities are planned for children, providing them a fun way to learn about fire safety.

The opening ceremony for Fire Prevention Week will kick off at the station at 10:30 a.m. Monday, along with a cake cutting and an awards presentation to the winning designer of the 2009 Fire Prevention poster.

Sparky the Fire Dog and a Pope fire truck will be out in the community Tuesday, with a fire drill at the Child Development Center at 9 a.m., story time at the library at 10:30 a.m., and another fire drill at the School Age Program facility at 3:30 p.m.

The children of the Pope Elementary School will receive a visit from Sparky and the fire truck, along with the smokehouse, Wednesday at 9 a.m. The military family housing parade will begin at 5 p.m.

Fall Safety Day will be held at Cross Creek Mall Oct. 10, with members of all emergency services branches on hand to provide information and answer questions about safety and other issues.

During the week, the base fire department will be open each day from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m., for visitors to stop by.



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The Pope Fire Department responds to a fire at Spring Lake April 2004. Fire fighters respond to all emergency situations to include medical and biological incidents.

Safety tips from the Pope Fire Department:

- ☐ Teach children that hot things hurt.
- ☐ Be careful when using things that get hot, such as curling irons, ovens, irons, lamps and heaters.
- ☐ Treat a burn right away. Put it in cool water for three to five minutes. Cover with a clean, dry cloth.
- ☐ If the burn is bigger than your fist or if you have any questions, get medical help right away.
- ☐ Remove all clothing, diapers, jewelry and metal from the burned areas.
- ☐ The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- ☐ Keep children and pets at least 3 feet away from the stove.
- ☐ Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.
- ☐ Make sure everyone can hear the sound of the smoke alarms.
- ☐ Have a home fire escape plan. Know at least two ways out of each room, if possible, and a meeting place outside. Practice your escape plan twice a year.
- ☐ When the smoke alarm sounds, get out and stay away.

The following events are occurring for this year's Fire Prevention Week:

- Monday**
- ☐ 10:30 a.m.: Opening ceremony at Fire Station
 - ☐ Cake Cutting
 - ☐ Unveiling of the Pope Elementary winning fire prevention poster
 - ☐ Presentation of gifts to poster winner
- Tuesday**
- ☐ 9 a.m.: Fire drill and a visit from Sparky the Fire Dog at Child Development Center
 - ☐ 10:30 a.m.: Story time and a visit from Sparky the Fire Dog at the Library
 - ☐ 3:30 p.m.: Fire drill and a visit from Sparky the Fire Dog at Youth Center/School Age Program
- Wednesday**
- ☐ 9 a.m.: Pope Elementary School visit from Sparky the Fire Dog
 - ☐ 5 p.m.: Military Family Housing Parade
- Oct 10**
- ☐ 10 a.m.: Fall Safety Day at Cross Creek Mall

The Fire Station Open House is every day during Fire Prevention Week. The hours of operations are from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Large groups can schedule a visit by calling 394-2467/2464.

Fire safety inspections of Military Family Housing units are available by appointment Monday Oct. 10. Call the Fire Prevention Section at 394-1435/4778 to make an appointment.



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Airman 1st Class Robert Stabblebine, 3rd Aerial Port Squadron, bench presses 265 pounds as part of the Pope Strongest Airman Competition in the Pope Fitness Center weight room Sept. 25. Representatives from various Pope squadrons competed and donated 20 cents for every pound they lifted. With a total bench press weight of 1,315 pounds, the group raised \$263. The money earned went to the Muscular Dystrophy Association through the Combined Federal Campaign.

Pies for Patriots

Fort Bragg Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation is providing free pies to servicemembers and their families during the second annual Pies for Patriots. Active duty members receive one free case of frozen apple pies per family. Pies for Patriots begins at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Fort Bragg Fairgrounds.

Pies are first come first served while supplies last. Individuals must remain in their vehicles to receive their pies. Pies for Patriots is open to active duty members and their families who are 18 years of age and older. For more information, call 396-1024.

Flag Football

The 2009 Intramural Flag Foot-

ball tentatively starts Oct. 19. The meeting for all the coaches is 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Fitness Center. Letters of intent and team rosters (only needed if more than one team) are due Monday. If you have any questions, call Tech. Sgt. Terrance Bessellieu or Senior Airman Christian Pagan at 394-2671.

DUI tracker

DUI tracking is current as of Wednesday

Days since last DUI20
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This year228



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FLYER PERSPECTIVE

Coining Pope's Finest:

Each week Col. James Johnson, 43rd Airlift Wing Commander, highlights outstanding Airmen



PHOTO BY 2ND LT. CAMMIE QUINN

Col. James Johnson, 43rd Airlift Wing Commander, presented a Commander's Coin Tuesday to Lt. Col. Trent Tate, Capt. Laquanis Hooker, Capt. Deidra Lyon and 1st Lt. Joya Gamara, all from the 43rd Medical Group for their contributions to making this year's Air Force Ball a success.

The Air Force Ball went off without complications Sept. 19 due to the combined actions and dedication of the four organizers.

Colonel Tate, 43rd Aerospace Medicine Squadron Commander, served as chairperson for the ball. As chairperson, he coordinated with Colonel Johnson to ensure this year's ball would be the best Pope has seen. Colonel Tate has served at Pope since

February 2008.

Captain Hooker, 43rd MDG, is a Pope dentist and has been stationed here since August 2006. For the event, Captain Hooker dedicated her time as the vice chairman and base point of contact. She accounted for more than 350 ball tickets and dedicated more than 100 hours of her time to ensure the success of the ball. Captain Hooker is leaving to Kadena AB, Japan early November with her husband, Capt. Navondi Hooker.

Captain Lyon, 43rd MDG, was an integral member of the Air Force Ball committee. As the decorations and catering chairperson, she obtained centerpieces for the ball. Captain Lyon transferred from the Army to the Air Force in 2005, and has since received

her board certification in pediatric nursing as well as completed Squadron Officer School. She spends her free time watching football and running, as well as spending time with her three children, Kiana, 17, Christopher, 16 and Alexis, 6.

Lieutenant Gamara, 43rd MDG, worked closely with Colonel Tate to secure the Fort Bragg Officer's Club as the venue for the event. She also coordinated the performance of Fort Bragg's 82nd All American Chorus. Lieutenant Gamara has served in the 43rd AMDS since May 2006 and is currently studying for Squadron Officer School. She and her husband, Rene, have three children, Janae, 11, Raelysa, 7 and R.J., 5.

Commander's Helpline

The Commander's Helpline is your direct link to Col. James C. Johnson, 43rd Airlift Wing Commander. If you have worked through normal channels and aren't satisfied, Helplines are an opportunity to ask questions, compliment someone or make suggestions. You must include a name and phone number for a response.

Helplines of general interest will be published in the Carolina Flyer, others will be answered by letter or phone call.

Remember, the most efficient way to solve a problem is to talk directly to the responsible office or follow your chain of command. You can call the Commander's Helpline at 394-4357 or e-mail to commanders.helpline@pope.af.mil.



Helpful numbers

Emergency (Base Phone/home phone)	394-0911
Cell Phone	394-0911
Law Enforcement Desk	394-2800/2808
Helping Hand Hot line	394-2777
Crime Stop	394-4111
Pope Clinic.....	394-4258
Pass and Registration.....	394-2694
Security Force.....	394-2800
Legal Office.....	394-2341
Chapel.....	394-2677
Military Personnel Flight.....	394-2276
Pope Club, collocated.....	497-4031
TRICARE Customer Service.....	1-877-TRI-CARE
Civil Engineers.....	394-2821
Inspector General.....	394-2302
Family Support Center.....	394-2538
Child Development Center.....	394-4323
Kitty Hawk Inn Dining Facility.....	394-4377
Housing Management.....	394-4867
Bowling Center.....	394-2891
Fitness Center.....	394-2671
Finance (Military Pay).....	394-1410/1412
AAFES Shoppette.....	497-8181
Public Affairs.....	394-4183
Pope/Ft Bragg American Red Cross.....	396-1231/877-272-7337

There Isn't an 'Easy Button' For Leadership

By Lt. Col. Leslie Smith
2nd Airlift Squadron, Commander

About a year ago I was talking with my operations officer, Lt. Col. Larry Floyd, about several complicated issues we were handling at the time when he made the comment, "There isn't an 'easy button' for leadership." He was referencing those commercials for a national chain store where an 'easy button' magically appears to help a person get through a particularly difficult task or situation. I remember thinking he could not have been more right, and for good reason.

As enticing as the idea of a leadership 'easy button' sounds, it's not a good idea in our Air Force and we all must do our best to avoid falling into that trap. As John Chapman says in his book, "Muddy Boots Leadership," that the easy way is always wrong.

That is true for many things in life, but especially leadership.

Leadership encompasses a lot of things, but the easy way isn't one of them. If it were, bookstores would not be offering more than

367,000 titles on the subject. We've all seen instances where someone has tried to take the easy path, perhaps skip a few steps in their job guide or miss PT in favor of a few extra minutes of sleep, and the results were never good for the individual.

For any leader or supervisor to take the easy path is a recipe for disaster, not just for them, but for everyone they lead.

Perhaps the closest thing I've seen to an 'easy button' for leadership would be what is commonly called the "big boy/big girl philosophy." This leadership approach assumes the subordinates don't require much attention and can be left to their own devices to take care of their own needs. The leader can then take it easy expecting their Airmen to do everything they're supposed to do. While one can get away with this approach on some people some of the time, it does not work as a main leadership style.

The problem with the "big boy/big girl philosophy" is that it tends to leave people behind and set them up for failure. Take for example, PT. How many referral performance reports have

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been written on people who failed their fitness test when all the signs such as missing PT workouts, an expanding waistline and poor diet were there beforehand predicting their failure? How much time and effort could have been saved on the referral process, let alone the negative career impact, had supervision made the effort to keep the individual from failing in the first place?

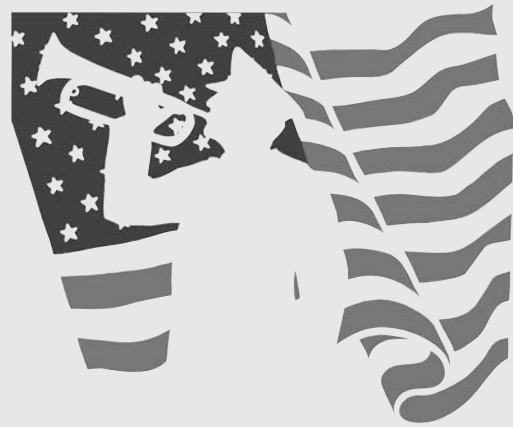
In addition to setting subordinates up for failure, the "big boy/big girl" approach creates leaders who are very good at reacting to problems, but not at preventing them. Eventually, these leaders become more like managers who are only there to reward good behavior and punish the bad. Over time, they will find themselves spending more and more of their time and energy on the small percentage who aren't doing things right

instead of on the majority who are. And that's not good for the long-term health of any unit.

To me, leadership involves being proactive and searching for solutions to issues before they become problems. It means taking the time to identify high-risk Airmen in the unit and providing them with the training, tools, support and instilling within them the discipline to always do things the right way and thus stay out of trouble or keep from getting hurt in the first place. These things take effort up front and active involvement along the way, but in the end will avoid the type of work that no one enjoys doing. Leadership isn't easy, but when you get to see your Airmen succeed – hopefully because of the things you've done to help them along the way – it will be the most rewarding thing you'll ever do.

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Reports from Battle: clinical social worker returns to Pope

By Senior Airman Mindy Bloem
Staff writer

Editor’s note: This is part one of a four-week series, profiling Pope members who are currently deployed or have recently returned from deployment.

It has oft been said that deployment changes a person, and one Pope member who recently returned from her first deployment in 22 years of service can now appreciate the value of that statement.

When Lt. Col. Karen Smith, a Pope clinical social worker, received a call saying, “pack your bags; you’re leaving,” she didn’t quite know what to think.

Initially, she figured she was taking part in a manning assist: a temporary duty assignment that lends a member from one base to provide assistance to another undermanned base.

However, this call was not for a manning assist and she soon received orders to Afghanistan.

Rather than retire in the summer of 2009 as was her original intent, Colonel Smith decided to stay in to get some firsthand insight into the world of deployments.

“I was weighing the pros and cons and decided I wanted to go ahead and deploy and have that experience before I retired,” the colonel said. “I didn’t want someone going in my place. I knew it was the right thing to do, and I’m glad I did it.”

While at Bagram Air Field, Colonel Smith was the Combat Stress Control Detachment Commander, responsible for nine CSC teams made up of 25 personnel who were forward deployed across Afghanistan.

She was also responsible for providing mental health care to BAF servicemembers, primarily Army Soldiers. While at BAF and at the other nine CSC locations, she performed walkabouts where she asked how people were doing and checked on their

concerns. The majority of issues she dealt with were combat exposure stressors and homefront issues.

“It definitely made you realize the importance of the services we offer. I don’t think people realize the value of the mental health care we offer, but in a deployed environment, people are more willing to seek it out because of the emotional survival need they have.”

She also responded to numerous traumatic events that impacted Soldiers and their units, such as people killed in action, rocket attacks and identification of remains. An aspect of the job the colonel did not relish but understood the value, nonetheless.

“It was a very humbling experience,” Colonel Smith said. “I feel very thankful I had that opportunity.”

She recalled a couple of rocket attacks, resulting in fatalities. One particular incident resulted in the death of a Soldier who was deployed with his fellow Soldier wife. A rocket landed in the B-hut the couple was sharing, and the husband was killed.

Colonel Smith met with the wife later that evening.

“Seeing the emotional impact that had on her was not easy,” she said “Then she (the wife) was the one who had to tell the four kids their dad was dead. It was unfortunate, and it’s my job to be there for them and try to help them cope.”

Another rocket attack involved two tower guards working side by side. The rocket killed one of the guards, leaving the other to watch the attack but was helpless to intervene.

“Those are the kinds of things you never forget,” Colonel Smith said. “I was not out on the front lines, but seeing people recall those graphic visions was the closest I got to being there.”

The colonel said that besides the friendships she made, which were powerful and special due to the unique set of cir-



Lt. Col. Karen Smith, Pope clinical social worker, stands in front of the welcome sign at Gardez, one of the nine forward operating bases where she and the other Combat Stress Control teams made site visits to during her deployment to Afghanistan.

cumstances under which they were formed, the support she received from back home was unparalleled.

“One thing we appreciated more than anything was the support we received from the Americans,” she said. “We were just inundated with care packages, mail and free stuff from people and various groups and organizations back in the States. It’s great to know the love, care and prayers people are sending your way. It makes a huge difference.”

Colonel Smith said she would not have traded her deployment because it was a life changing event for her.

“There is a real connection you feel with people who are or have deployed. You can better relate to the whole process, how it impacts them and their loved ones and just everything they’re going through.”

Colonel Smith knows she has gained something irreplaceable because of her deployment and now looks at certain things with a different perspective.

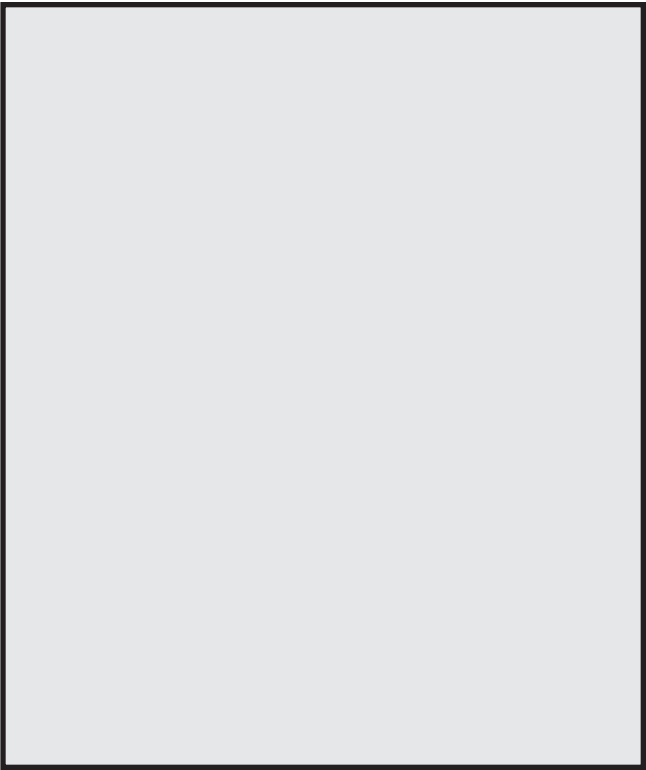
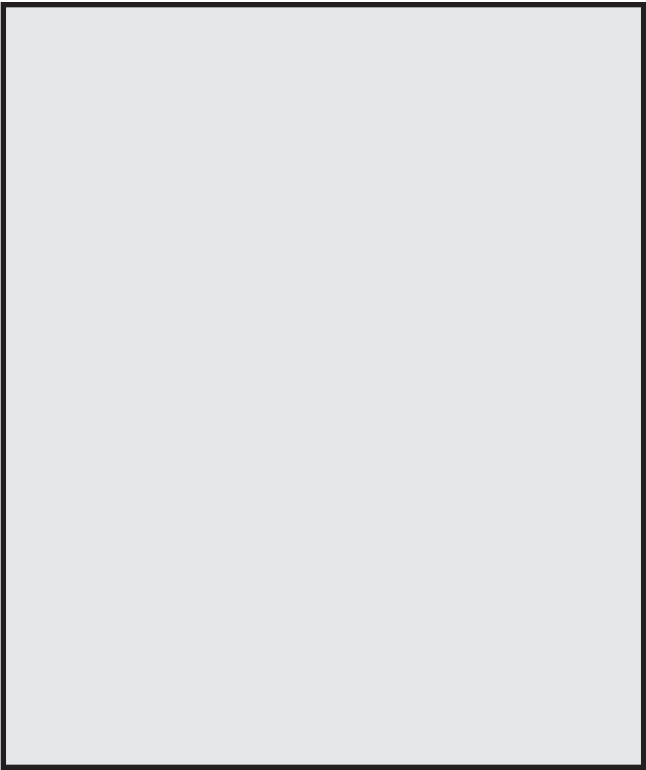
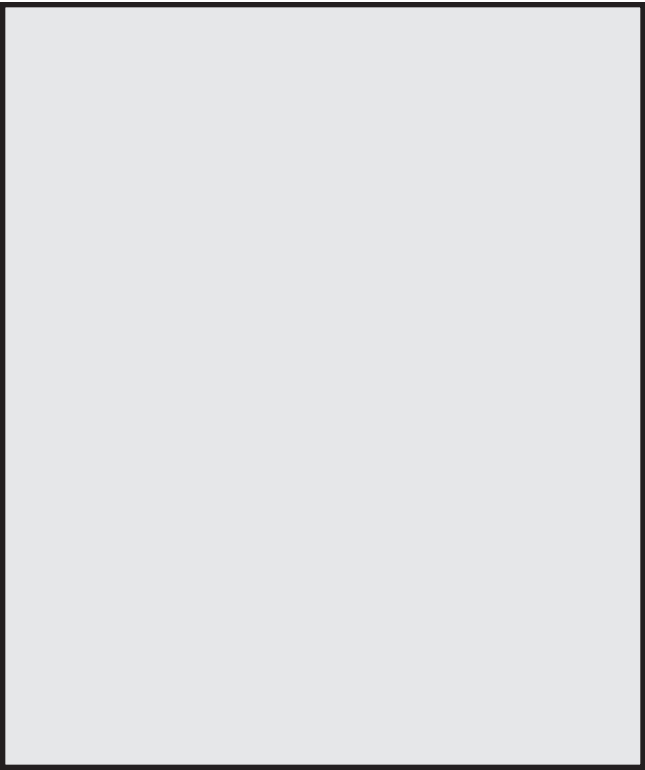
“When I look at an American flag, it means something different to me,” she said. “I appreciate the sacrifices our servicemembers make every day. I have a better understanding of what our mission is all about.

“I’m a better person, a better professional and a better officer for it.”

Promotees for the month of September

Congratulations to the following individuals who were recently promoted in their respective ranks

To lieutenant colonel Warfighting Partner Nicola Gismondi Leslie Himebrook	To technical sergeant 43rd LRS Walter Ray III	43rd Force Support Squadron Kelli Anderson 43rd LRS William Bass Allen Paquette III Nasha Carter Jessica Harbison Gina Marciano Abigail Sloan 43rd MDSS Andrew Knight
To major 2nd Airlift Squadron Nathan Mansfield WFP Brinton Lincoln James Dorman Christopher Cochran	To staff sergeant 2nd AS Aaron Goetzinger 43rd Aerospace Medicine Squadron Jennifer Wilt 43rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Daniel Chin 43rd Civil Engineer Squadron Steven Bowers 43rd Medical Support Squadron Nadia Rowell 43rd SFS Le Tari Myles Justin Canada	To airman 1st class 14th ASOS Brian Young 3rd Aerial Support Squadron William Coleman 43rd AMXS Felicia Crawford 43rd LRS Kimberly Medford
To captain WFP Michael Bain 43rd Medical Operations Squadron Jimmy Stanley	To senior airman 14th Air Support Operations Squadron Jason Hubbart Richard Blalock 2nd AS Christopher Campos 43rd AMDS Lindsay Horn 43rd CES Jamie Justice 43rd Communications Squadron Gary Hartwell	To airman 43rd Comptroller Squadron Latonya Kocher 43rd LRS Rachel Fisher Bradley Lucas Leahanna Lewis 43rd SFS David Byer Jr.
To senior master sergeant 43rd Security Forces Squadron Charles Mansfield Jr.		
To master sergeant 43rd Logistics Readiness Squadron Jeff Green 43rd MDOS Herbert Faircloth		



Pope talks

By 2nd Lt.
Cammie Quinn
Editor

What is your favorite song?



“Enter Sandman” by
Metallica.

— 2nd Lt.
Benjamin Muse
3rd Aerial Port
Squadron



“What you are to me”
by Trey Songz.

— Senior Airman
Anthony Bundy
43rd Force Support
Squadron



“Let me in” by
Makano.

— Senior Airman
Tania De La Cruz
43rd FSS



“Fireflies” by Alice City.

— Senior Airman
Jacky Pender
440th Airlift Wing



PHOTO BY RHONDA GRIFFIN

43rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron

Staff Sgt. Erin Lee, right, along with Staff Sgts. George Elliott and Ryan Shock, all 43rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron technicians, presented Pope spouses with information on equipment used, configuration of the aircraft and the many duties of the squadron while in flight. The spouses of the 43rd AES had the opportunity to learn more about the squadron’s mission-critical areas with a facility tour and demonstration Sept. 24. After touring the facility and warehouse with presentations on deployments, logistics and equipment, the group had lunch at the Picerne Community Center. The meal was followed by a trip to the C-130 HULK trainer, where the spouses watched an aircrew brief by members of the squadron.



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Unity
in the
Community

Ministerial Alliance members came together in this year’s Unity in the Community to help children in need of school supplies Aug. 15. Senior Airman Miranda Minx, 43rd Logistics Readiness Squadron, led the volunteer project. With help of from the 43rd LRS along with Fort Bragg Soldiers, the Unity in the Community team was able to purchase 300 book bags filled with school supplies as well as feed more than 300 people.

News

Editor's note: To maintain the newsworthiness and timeliness of the Carolina Flyer, briefs will run for a maximum of four weeks or until the event occurs, whichever comes first. If there's a need to extend the publication of the brief, call the editor at 394-1723.

■ Pies for Patriots: Fort Bragg Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation is providing free pies to servicemembers and their families during the second annual Pies for Patriots. Active duty members receive one free case of frozen apple pies per family. Pies for Patriots begins at 8 a.m. Oct. 3 at the Fort Bragg Fairgrounds. Pies are first come first served while supplies last. Individuals are not permitted to walk-up to receive their pie. Pies for Patriots is open to active duty members and their families who are 18 years of age and older. For more information, call 396-1024.

■ ALS Graduation: Airman Leadership School's class 09-G graduates with a banquet at the Pope Club Oct. 20. Due to the expected number of personnel wishing to attend and the limited number of seats available, individuals wishing to attend should RSVP by Oct. 8. Individuals who received an invitation from a student must RSVP directly to them at 394-4366. Individuals who received an invitation from the ALS staff must RSVP to the staff at 394-4417. Respond only if planning to attend. The dress code is uniform of the day for military mem-

bers or business-casual clothing for civilians. For more information, call ALS at 394-4370/4374.

■ Get out of Debt: "Getting out of debt," a credit management class, is held from 9 to 11 a.m. Oct. 15. This class teaches people about wise credit selection, the true cost of credit, and how to deal with too much debt. Participants will learn how to use Power Pay, a computer software rapid debt reduction program. To reserve a seat, call the AFRC at 394-2538.

■ RAD class: The women of Pope are invited to take part in the next Rape Aggression Defense class from 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 16 and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Oct. 17 in the Family Support Center. The course is for females 14 years old and up. To sign up, call 394-2769/4551.

■ Sponsorship Training: Have you been assigned as a sponsor for personnel coming to Pope? Plan to attend the Sponsorship Training Oct. 20 from 9 to 10 a.m. This class provides individuals with the resources to effectively assist those arriving at Pope. Registration is required. To reserve a seat, call 394-2538.

■ Airman's Attic: The Airman's Attic is open to all Pope servicemembers and their families from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 21 at the AFRC. Furniture will be available for only E-5s and below with less than eight years of service. For more information, call 394-2119/2424.

■ Smooth Move: Moving soon due to changing duty stations or retirement? A Smooth Move

class is available from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 22 at the AFRC. This class teaches how to have a successful move. Information will be presented from Legal, TMO, Life Skills, Housing, Finance and more. Reservations are required. To register, call the AFRC at 394-2538.

■ Community Festival: The Sandhills Sankofa Festival is celebrating rural African America Heritage from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at Mendoza Park in Spring Lake. The festival has food, dancing, children's games, storytelling, vendors, educational exhibits, gospel music and live entertainment. For more information, call 497-0628 or 436-3406.

■ In - Service Recruiter: Pope's new Air Force Reserve in-service recruiter is Master Sgt. Jason Maney. Individuals who are separating from active duty and are interested in Reserve assignments or the Palace Chase program can reach Sergeant Maney at 394-1099.

■ Thrift Shop: The Pope Thrift Shop is located in Bldg. 357, next to the base library. Hours of operation are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Thursday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Personnel with access to Pope may shop at the store. Consignments are accepted from Department of Defense identification card holders regardless of rank or branch of service, both active duty and retired. For more information, call 394-2427.

■ FAP: The Family Advocacy Program offers education and support services tools for building healthy family relationships. They offer a wide-range of classes. Most classes are voluntary, self-referred and offered on a rotating basis. For more information or to register for classes, call 394-4700.

■ Clothing Sales Moves: The Air Force and Army Military Clothing Sales stores have moved the Pope location to the Military Clothing Store on Fort Bragg, located in the Mini Mall off Reilly Road. The new hours of operation are Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The consolidation is a result of Base Realignment and Closure adjustments taking place between the installations. The move allows AAFES to improve the stock assortment as well as continue to provide Air Force items for customers and increase the hours of operation.

■ Attention All Personnel: It is with deep regret that we announce the untimely death of Airman 1st Class Jeremy Melvin of the 43rd Operations Support Squadron. Capt. Richard Holtzman has been appointed Summary Court Officer and is authorized to make disposition of the personal effects of Airman Melvin as stated in AFI 34-244. Anyone having claims for or against the deceased should contact Captain Holtzman at 394-1683.



TMAS Gives Free Books to Military Families

By Samantha Beam
Parent to Parent Specialist

"Tell Me A Story" is a community wide literacy event open to all Pope and Fort Bragg servicemembers and their families. This event takes place Oct. 25 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Fort Bragg's Throckmorton Library. "Tell Me A Story: Making Connections and Finding Support through Literature," is a Military Child Education Coalition initiative created to empower our military children by using literature and their own stories in a way that fosters skills for resilience, strong peer and parent connections, a sense of pride and accomplishment, and a caring community.

The event features a children's book, "Click, Clack, Moo Cows That Type," by Doreen Cronin, which focuses on children and perseverance. Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Michael Repass, Commanding General, U.S. Army, Special Forces Command (Airborne) will be guest readers. The day will end with a parent and child discussion and activity relating to the themes in the book. There is no charge for this event and each family will receive a copy of the book to add to their home library.

Reservations for the event must be made by Oct. 9. To make a reservation and for more information, call Fort Bragg's Parent to Parent at 494-1663.

The Military Child Education Coalition is a non-profit, world-wide organization and a model of positive leadership and advocacy. MCEC is focused on ensuring quality educational opportunities for all military children affected by mobility, family separation and transition.

Hosting the event is the Fort Bragg's P2P Team. P2P is another MCEC initiative, funded by the United States Army. Their purpose is to train military parents to be their child's strongest and most positive advocate on educational related issues. The P2P program provides informative and interactive educational workshops to groups and organizations in the local community. Workshops are offered to all military connected parents of school-aged children, including parents of preschoolers. Participants receive high quality resources and materials that will assist them in their role as their child's advocate.

To learn more about the workshops offered or to schedule a workshop for your organization, call Fort Bragg's P2P at 494-1663.

Around the Air Force

Do you have any deployed photos? The 43rd Airlift Wing Public Affairs wants anyone with deployed photos of themselves or anyone else stationed at Pope to add to the new **Around the Air Force** section of the Carolina Flyer. You can submit your photo to the Carolina Flyer at the Carolina Flyer at carolina.flyer@pope.af.mil or by calling 394-4185.



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Around the Air Force

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea

Airmen and Soldiers participate in the POW/MIA remembrance ceremony Sept. 18, at Osan Air Base, South Korea. Soldiers wearing historical military uniforms are seen in the reflection of the POW/MIA memorial.

COLD LAKE, Alberta Canada

Members of the Canadian Air Force stationed with the 409th Tactical Fighter Squadron at Cold Lake, Alberta, Canada, check the electronic systems in a CF-18 Hornet as part of a pre-flight inspection Sept. 25, during Gunfighter Flag. The 409th's Hornets participated as friendly "blue Air Forces" during the exercise. Gunfighter Flag, which ran from Sept. 14 through 24, was Mountain Home's first large-scale, multi-national exercise which brought more than 450 personnel from the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy and Canadian Air Force to the base.

QUANG TRI PROVINCE, Vietnam

Maj. (Dr.) Diep Le (left) provides dental care to a Vietnamese patient Sept. 18, as part of Operation Pacific Angel 2009 in Quang Tri Province, Vietnam. Doctor Le is part of a team of Air Force medical professionals and civil engineers in Vietnam providing humanitarian assistance. Doctor Le is a dentist and Air Force Reservist from Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

ROYAL AIR FORCE MILDENHALL, England

Two Turkish F-16s fly alongside a U.S. Air Force KC-135 Stratotanker over the North Sea during a refueling mission Sept. 23, in support of Exercise Bold Avenger 2009 held at Karup Air Base, Denmark. The KC-135 from Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England, refueled 18 F-16s from allied Air Forces, delivering more than 99,000 pounds of jet fuel.

CAMP BUCCA, Iraq

Tech. Sgt. Ben Martin, 887th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, hands a thank you gift to a young Iraqi girl as an 887th ESFS translator looks on Sept. 18. The girl found and reported an explosively formed penetrator, or EFP, in an area outside of Camp Bucca, Iraq, that the 887th ESFS regularly patrols.

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy

Military servicemembers returning from deployment sit inside the gate area of the 724th Air Mobility Squadron's new passenger and air freight terminal while the military chartered aircraft carrying them home is serviced Sept. 11, at Aviano Air Base, Italy. Passenger service agents from the 724th AMS began processing passengers through the new facility Sept. 10. Volunteers supporting Operation Yellow Ribbon provide snacks and other goodies to servicemembers transiting through the terminal.

DOD officials announce requirement for new aerial tanker competition

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

9/28/2009 - WASHINGTON — The needs of warfighters and value for taxpayers are at the heart of the new draft request for proposal for aerial refueling capability, Deputy Defense Secretary William J. Lynn said Sept. 24.

Mr. Lynn, Air Force Secretary Michael Donley and Ashton B. Carter, defense undersecretary for acquisition, technology and logistics, briefed the Pentagon press on the draft RFP to replace the Air Force's aging KC-135R Stratotanker fleet.

This is the second time the contract has been competed. Officials with the Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of Congress, recommended that the Air Force re-bid the contract, originally won by a Northrop-Grumman/EADS/Airbus consortium in February 2008. Boeing protested the decision, and in June 2008 the GAO agreed that there were irregularities in the contracting process.

GAO officials said the previous process for selecting a winner was too subjective. DOD took this to heart, and officials stressed this draft RFP is not a rerun of the last competition.

"This time we will be crystal clear about what we want and what the bidders need to do to win," Mr. Lynn said.

Price is important in the

competition, but it will not be the only factor, Mr. Lynn said.

"First of all, we'll look at price from a broad perspective, not just acquisition cost," he said. "We're going to include certain aspects of life-cycle cost, in particular fuel burn and military construction; and we're going to look at non-price factors, particularly how each aircraft that the companies might bid would meet warfighting requirements."

DOD and Air Force officials worked closely together to ensure the process this time will be fair, open and transparent. They developed the source selection strategy and it has been approved by Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates.

"The Air Force source selection authority will execute this strategy," Mr. Lynn said.

The warfighter requirements – devised by an Air Mobility Command team – for the tanker fleet have not changed since the last procurement try.

"But the warfighter has specified which requirements are necessary for the tanker to 'go to war on Day 1,'" Mr. Lynn said.

These requirements are on an acceptable/not acceptable basis, he said. The team also has identified capabilities that would provide some additional value, but are not mandatory.

The buy is for 179 aircraft valued at around \$35 billion. If all goes as

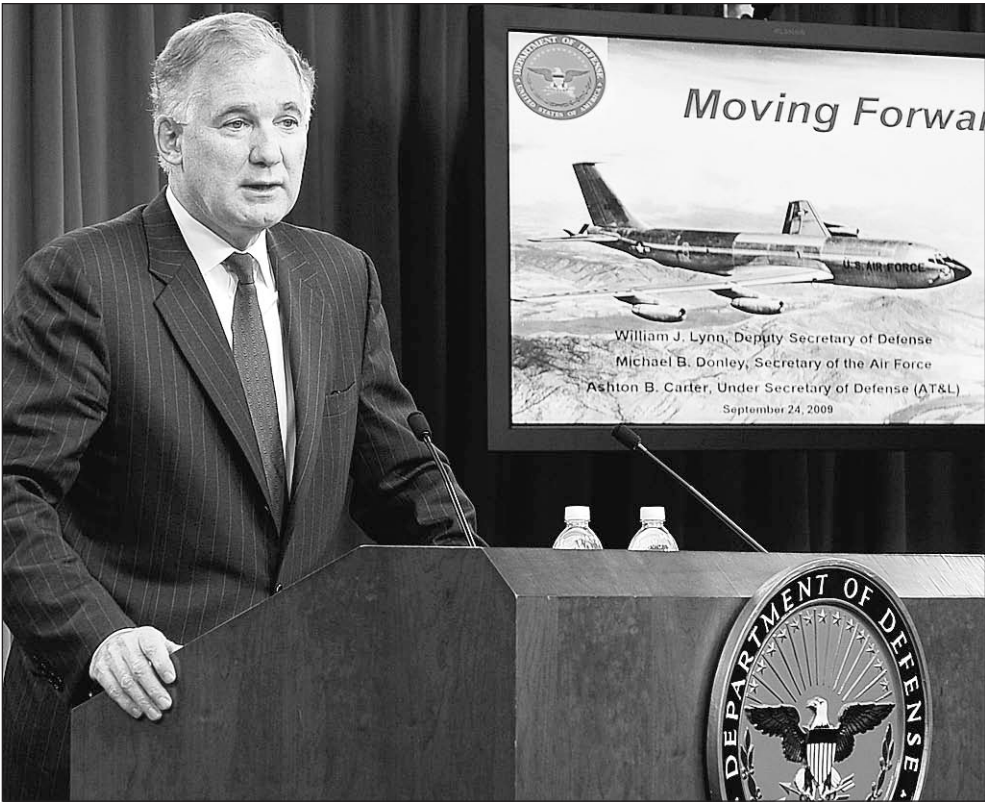


PHOTO BY CHERIE CULLEN

Deputy Secretary of Defense William Lynn, speaks with members of the press about the Air Force KC-X aerial tanker program during a press conference with Secretary of the Air Force Michael Donley and Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition Technology and Logistics Ashton Carter at the Pentagon, Sept. 24.

planned, the contract could be awarded next summer. The draft RFP will hit the streets Sept. 25. It will be a fixed-price incentive contract in the development phase, and the first five production lots will be a firm fixed-price contract. The remaining production will be a not-to-exceed contract.

"This is going to constrain prices considerably, we believe," mr. Lynn said. "It's shifting the department from a cost-plus world more towards a fixed-price world, and we think that that's

going to be an important element in avoiding cost overruns."

Secretary Donley said the newest KC-135R entered the Air Force in 1964. The first production model of whatever aircraft is selected would enter the force in 2015 with an initial operating capability set for 2017.

He said the defense and Air Force teams reviewed the 808 requirements the old RFP had.

"We conducted extensive reviews of the requirements, eliminating duplication,

refining definitions, combining where appropriate and ensuring all requirements were measurable," he said.

The draft RFP has 373 mandatory requirements. Still there is some value in non-mandatory capabilities, and Secretary Donley said the team identified 93 of these added-value capabilities and assigned points to them.

The defense officials said they want to make the selection process as objective as possible. The RFP spells out exactly what warfighting

capabilities are needed, but also details what efficiencies are desired, said Mr. Carter. To test warfighting effectiveness, evaluators fly each of the offeror's aircraft against the Integrated Fleet Aerial Refueling Assessment model, he said.

The model posits a situation where the United States is executing several major war plans simultaneously and tanker demand is at a peak. The model will answer the question of how many tanker aircraft are needed to execute these real-world war plans.

But there is another consideration: The cost of ownership, Mr. Carter said.

"These are the elements, of the life-cycle cost of the tanker, that are under the control of the offerors and which therefore can fairly be used to discriminate the offerors," he said. "The vendors do determine the aircraft design, which in turn determines how much fuel they will burn, over the next 40 years, carrying out the day-to-day tasks."

Military construction projects needed to accommodate the aircraft are also taken under consideration, he said. Costs to adjust hangars, ramps, taxiways and runways for the aircraft will be taken into account.

"So both wartime effectiveness and peacetime efficiency we will assess for each aircraft," Mr. Carter said. "We will 'dollarize' those assessments and in dollar terms adjust the bid prices."

Defense carries Falcons to 26-14 victory over Aztecs

By Staff Sgt. Don Branum
U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

9/26/2009 - U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — The U.S. Air Force Academy football team won its second straight Mountain West Conference game on the strength of its defense, which scored two touchdowns in Falcons' 26-14 victory against San Diego State University Sept. 26 at Falcon Stadium.

The Falcons picked off San Diego State's quarterback four times, including a 47-yard interception run back for a touchdown by defensive back Reggie Rembert.

Falcons linebacker Andre Morris also recovered a fumble forced by Rembert and returned it 47 yards for a score. Falcons defensive lineman Myles Morales and linebacker Alex Means each accounted for a sack, with defensive linemen Ben Garland and Rick Ricketts sharing a third sack against the Aztecs' QB.

Both teams' offenses had trouble finding a rhythm. San Diego State scored the first offensive touchdown with less than four minutes left in the game, while the Air Force's offensive difficulties stemmed mainly from penalties. The Falcons were flagged nine times for 75 yards, including a holding penalty that nullified a 46-yard touchdown run by



PHOTO BY MIKE KAPLAN

Falcons sophomore quarterback Connor Dietz hands off to sophomore running back Asher Clark on a reverse during Air Force's 26-14 win over San Diego State at Falcon Stadium, Colo., Sept. 26. Air Force ran 243 yards on 58 plays and came away with the edge on time of possession with 33:23.

Savier Stevens in the third quarter. Only six points came out of Air Force's three trips inside the red zone.

"Because of penalties, we just left way too many points out there on the field," said Falcons head coach Troy Calhoun. "There were just many

more points to be had. But we didn't turn it over, and then we created a bunch of turnovers."

The Falcons reserve quarterback Connor Dietz started the game for the Falcons. Starter Tim Jefferson suffered a sprained

ankle in Air Force's 37-13 victory over New Mexico Sept. 19.

"The only guys we're going to play are the guys who can go full-speed," Coach Calhoun said. "For us at the Academy, our guys have to have smoke blow-

ing out of their ears and play like their hair's on fire. If there's any reservation at all, you don't play. Everything we asked (Dietz) to do, he did a quality job with. It's the guy's first start as a sophomore. He's going to be a good player."

Falcons kicker Eric Soderberg put four kicks through the uprights for the Air Force on six attempts, including a career-long 48-yard field goal that gave the Academy a 13-0 lead 1:42 into the second quarter. Soderberg became the eighth player in Air Force history to hit four field goals in a game and the first since Joey Ashcroft kicked four field goals in Air Force's 49-30 victory against Army Nov. 9, 2002.

The Air Force special teams unit also gave two points to San Diego State on a punt play on the Falcons' 28. The snap sailed over Soderberg's head and out the back of the end zone for the safety.

The Air Force had 294 yards of total offense, including 58 runs for 243 yards and 51 yards on two completions from Dietz, who was 3 of 6 with no touchdowns or interceptions. The Falcons had a 36 percent conversion rate on third down. Air Force had the edge on time of possession with 33:23.

Air Force is now 3-1 on the season heading into a game against rival service academy Navy Oct. in Annapolis, Md. The Falcons' conference record of 2-0 is their second such start in three years. Calhoun is 20-10 in his third season, 13-5 in conference play and 11-3 at home.

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For bible studies call the chapel

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Sunday, 8 a.m. except second Sundays

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Sunday school (all ages):

10 a.m. at Pope Elementary School

Catholic services:

Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

RCIA: Contact 394-1856

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Services offered at Fort Bragg

Catholic service:

JFK Chapel, Ardennes Street, Saturday at 5 p.m. Confessions at 4 p.m.

Muslim or Orthodox Christian services:

Call the Fort Bragg Chapel at 396-1121.

Officers' Christian Fellowship:

Bible study on leadership, Wednesday at 6 a.m.

Jewish services:

Contact the Faith Community Chapel Bldg. D-3733 Ardennes St at 489-2094.

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Movie Corner: I Can Do Bad All By Myself



By Irvin Gourdine
Staff Writer

Only Tyler Perry can produce a film filled with comedy and drama, while still delivering a powerful message. "I Can Do Bad All By Myself" is one of Perry's best movies. Like most of his films, Madea, played by Perry, is the cornerstone of the film's comic relief. Despite all of Madea's crazy antics, she is the key to drawing the family together.

Through an unlikely encounter, Madea meets a teenage girl, Jennifer, played by Hope Olaide Wilson, and her two younger brothers. The siblings are left homeless after their mother passes away and grandmother goes missing. Madea takes the kids to their only relative, Aunt April, played by Taraji P. Henson.

April isn't open to the idea of taking care of the kids and doesn't hide

that she doesn't want them around. To add to her stress, the pastor of her church asks April to take in the church's repairman, Sandino, played by Adam Rodriguez, the same day she has to care for her niece and nephews. This sudden change doesn't sit well with April's boyfriend Randy, played by Brian J. White, who is the source of most of April's problems. The new living arrangements force April to see her own selfishness as she starts down the road of change.

From beginning to end, this movie will make you both laugh and cry. The actors deliver powerfully moving performances. Incredible singing from some of gospel's greatest artists, Mary J. Blige and Taraji, make the movie that much better. "I Can Do Bad All By Myself" is a must-see movie for the whole family, and is sure to be Perry's best yet.